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Violator sentenced to additional prison time for assaulting a Deputy U.S. Marshal

A federal judge has sentenced **Richard Paiva, Jr.**, of Providence, to 15 months in prison for attacking a Deputy U.S. Marshal who was attempting to arrest Paiva for violating the terms of a court-supervised release. The 15-month sentence is in addition to an 18-month sentence imposed last year for the supervised release violation that led to Paiva's arrest.

United States Attorney Robert Clark Corrente announced the sentence, which U.S. District Court Judge William E. Smith imposed on January 5 in U.S. District Court, Providence.

In June, Paiva admitted attacking the deputy marshal, who was part of a team executing an arrest warrant after Paiva had committed several release violations, including making telephone calls in which he threatened to kill his former girlfriend. A condition of his release had been to avoid contacting his former girlfriend.

At the plea hearing, Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephanie S. Browne said that the government could prove that, on August 16, 2005, a team of deputy marshals went to a house on Riviera Drive in Narragansett with a warrant for Paiva's arrest. Deputy Robert Charette found Paiva in the basement and ordered him to show his hands and surrender. Instead, Paiva lunged at Deputy Charette and pinned him to the wall and floor of the basement. Three other deputy marshals helped subdue Paiva and handcuff him.

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The U.S. Probation Office had obtained the arrest warrant after Paiva threatened to kill his former girlfriend. At the time, Paiva was under court-supervised release following a federal prison term imposed in 1997 for cocaine trafficking.

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